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HINCHEY SECURED OVER \$200 MILLION FOR DISTRICT IN FY '02 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today released a summary of funding he secured for New York's 26th Congressional District in the appropriations process for fiscal year 2002. District projects will receive nearly \$37million in earmarks specifically requested by Hinchey. Hinchey also succeeded in obtaining a \$168.8 million funding increase for defense programs on which Lockheed Martin Systems Integration - Owego is the prime contractor. In addition, Hinchey wrote an amendment that resulted in \$75 million to compensate apple growers for market losses.

"I am proud to have been able to bring these badly needed funds to the Hudson Valley, the Catskills, the Southern Tier and the Finger Lakes," said Hinchey. "All of the projects selected for funding serve a national interest and are very deserving of federal assistance."

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey helps write the thirteen discretionary spending bills that Congress must pass each year. In this capacity he has direct influence on the funding of federal programs that are important to his constituents. He also has a greater opportunity to request specific earmarks for projects in the district.